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SULFUR HEAVY OILS BY THE USE OF THE REACTOR

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Documents UA, UB, UC, UD, UE, UF, UG and UH were cited in the Office Action dated July 20, 1999. A copy of Notice of References Cited (PTO-892, Paper No. 3) is enclosed. Document UI was cited in the Office Action dated March 21, 2000. A copy of Notice of References Cited (PTO-892, Paper No. 6) is enclosed.

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